not permit any territory under Pakistan's control to be used to support terrorism in any manner. Government has been keeping the international community informed of developments in this regard on a continuing basis.

Attacks on Indian students abroad

35. SHRI N.K. SINGH:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of spate of attacks on the Indian students in Australia and in other countries;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether attacks on Indian students has damaged bilateral ties between the countries;

(d) if so, whether Government has since contemplated any concrete steps to ensure safety of Indians in foreign countries, particularly in Australia; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Available information on recent attacks on Indians including students in Australia is given in the Annexure. [Refer to the Appendix 217 Annexure No. 2 appended to the answer to USQ No. 31 Pt (b) dt. 2/7/09]

(c) to (e) No, Sir. However, details of steps taken by the Government to ensure safety of Indian students in Australia are given in the Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to USQ No. 25 Pt (e) and (f)] The Government of India would continue to impress upon the Australian and other Governments to ensure safety of Indians in their respective countries.

Racial attacks on Indians

36. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and the details of the Indians, victims of racial attacks in various countries; and

(b) the details of the action Government has taken/propose to take against such racial attacks against innocent Indians?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Details of attacks on Indians, as available, are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 217 Annexure No. 3] Cases of attacks that could have a racial aspect are indicated in the list in bold letters.

(b) Whenever required, the Government takes up the matter with the concerned foreign Governments at appropriate levels. Steps taken by the Government with regard to incidents involving Indian students in Australia is given in the Statement. [Refer to Statement appended to the Statement to SQ No. 15 Pt (a) to (c)]

Passports for Haj pilgrims

37. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Haj pilgrims for the year 2009 are facing a lot of difficulties in getting Passports for the purpose; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to mitigate the hardships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SHASHI THAROOR): (a) Government of India is aware that in accordance with the decision of the Saudi Government all Haj pilgrims will have to travel on International Passport for Haj-2009 onwards.

(b) All Passport Offices have been instructed that the Haj passports should be handed over to the Haj pilgrims/Haj Committee within the due dates stipulated by the Committee to ensure that no Hajis face any difficulty in undertaking the sacred journey.

Results of talks in Russian summit

†38. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that concrete talks have taken place among Brazil, Russia, China and India during the recent visit of Prime Minister to Russia;

(b) the terms of reference of the said meeting; and

(c) the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) Yes. Prime Minister attended the Summit of the leaders of BRIC [Brazil, Russia, India and China] countries in Russia on 16 June, 2009.

(b) The Summit reviewed the current state of global economic and financial crisis and discussed the forthcoming G8 and G20 Summits.

(c) The Leaders agreed that BRIC Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors would meet and examine the further steps to be taken to intensify cooperation in the BRIC format on economic matters, to seek implementation of decisions of G-20 Summits which are of interest to developing countries and reform of present structures of international financial system and global governance. The Summit adopted Joint Statement of BRIC Leaders and Joint Statement on Global Food Security.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.